

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of
the Week Collected for
Our Readers.

One of the major road-building projects for Jackson county the coming year will be the filling of the Applegate road from Ruch to Provolt, or to the Josephine county line. This will give an oiled or paved highway from Medford to Provolt.

A White Wyandotte pullet belonging to John Bowman, a Bandon high school student, was awarded honors as the grand champion bird of the first Bandon egg and poultry show. It is said to be one of the finest birds ever exhibited in Oregon.

The first meeting of shepherds in southwestern Oregon was held at Bandon recently. There are about 15,000 sheep in Coos county and 175 growers. The animals graze principally on cut-over land and hill slopes. There is room for at least 100,000, it is said.

Plans for the large addition to the Presbyterian church at Astoria will be given to contractors and bids will be opened December 20, it was announced by the church building committee. The total expenditure will amount to between \$20,000 and \$22,500.

The map of Oregon soon will have a new postoffice near Clifton, where the Bradley-Woodard Timber company has begun construction of a new hemlock sawmill to cost about \$250,000. The company has filed application for a postoffice under the name of Bradley-Woodard.

With a program that will make the event one of the largest waterway observances along the Pacific Coast, Coos Bay will hold its second great transportation celebration in July, when the entire district will mark the completion of the \$4,000,000 harbor project.

The Clatsop county court is preparing to request the Oregon delegation in congress to aid in the passage of the bill pending in the lower house providing for the return of \$100,000 paid by the county for the Tongue Point naval base site. The measure has passed the senate.

The assessed valuation of public service corporation property in Lin county for 1931 is \$34,269 less than for 1930. The valuation for 1931 is \$3,446,640, bringing the total assessment of the county to \$29,812,890. For the first time in 10 years the total is under \$30,000,000.

David Anthony Nork, 4, was scalded to death near Klamath Falls when he fell into a vat of boiling water prepared to scald hogs. The boy's father had been butchering hogs and was preparing to scald them. While he stepped outside the shed momentarily, the child fell into the vat.

Of 34 fires in the Santiam national forest during the fire season, 14 were man-caused, one incendiary, according to a report released by C. C. Hall, supervisor. The total area burned was 155 acres, of which 147 acres were covered by the only class C fire of the season. The estimated loss was \$312.

During the first 11 months of this year \$3,777,776 has been invested by newcomers to the state of Oregon farm lands, \$8,221 acres being involved, according to a report of the land settlement department of the Oregon State chamber of commerce. The report shows 865 families coming into the state to become farmers.

With the raising of the old post-office building, the last of Coos county landmarks is rapidly disappearing. Part of the building was the old Dixie schoolhouse built in the late '60s, and pioneers recall the time they attended school there. The main part of the building has stood for more than 50 years. This is the only one of the six old landmarks not destroyed by fire.

The old town pump in Jacksonville, which has served thirsty residents of the pioneer town for 75 years, is being replaced by a modern drinking fountain. The pump has stood beside the Beekman bank, oldest bank in Oregon, since 1855, and in its time drew water from its well for stage coach passengers and horses. President U. S. Grant is among the famous persons known to have used the water.

Peacock spit, one of the most profitable fishing grounds at the mouth of the Columbia river, is rapidly disappearing under tidal action. The spit is now leased by the Columbia River Packers association at a rental of \$35,000 a year.

One large sawmill, the plant of the Umpqua Mills & Timber company, is running full time at Reedsport. The plant will close for the holidays and then resume. The three other mills at Reedsport are closed for an indefinite time.

The proposal that local business houses supply Oregon-made products free for Oregon products dinners that are to be served by churches of the city has been approved by the merchants' committee of the Baker Chamber of Commerce.

Jerry Lee, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller of near Corvallis, was cut and bruised when she was mauled by an enraged cow. She was putting her pony in the barn when the cow, which had a young calf, attacked her.

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SEER PREDICTS '31 YEAR OF TRIALS

War and Other Catastrophes
Seen by Soothsayer.

Paris.—Mme. Delmas-Frasy, famous soothsayer and confidante of several great political figures, predicts that 1931 will see the end of Fascism in Italy and a violent revolution in Germany, accompanied by economic and material catastrophes in every part of the globe.

"I see," she says, "the violent death of Italy's greatest statesman followed by a complete transformation of the political regime. Germany will be torn by revolutions causing economic and financial ruin of the country."

"Argentina and Brazil have not yet completed their political revolutions and there will be several violent changes, without great bloodshed, during 1931. Spain also will be tossed upon the stormy sea of political convulsions."

Madame Frasy prophesies that war is fast approaching in Europe but that 1931 will be passed under the constant panic of war without actual fighting. During this time France will continue to consolidate its position through the efforts of a "young man" whose political star has not yet arisen.

"I am afraid," she laments, "that the coming year has many unhappy events in store for the world. The United States will be even harder hit by the economic depression, but will emerge victorious from the struggle. The women of America will play a large part in the re-establishment of financial and economic order."

"Europe will be tested by violent tempests and earthquakes while similar catastrophes throughout the world will take thousands of lives."

Planes to Dust Poison on Jersey Mosquitoes

New Brunswick, N. J.—New Jersey's mosquito fighters have become air minded, and attacks from airplanes on the state's best-known insect pest only await the development of the proper dust larvicide.

Research directed toward the making of such a larvicide has already been undertaken here at the New Jersey agricultural experiment station, and preliminary tests made last summer were encouraging. If further tests give good results, practical applications of the larvicide will be made from airplanes next summer.

By using airplanes loaded with a poisonous dust, mosquito fighters can extend their warfare to many now inaccessible mosquito-breeding areas. Dr. Joseph M. Glanville, biochemist in entomology at the experiment station, believes. He explains, it has been impossible to prevent mosquito breeding in swamps and many other flooded areas that were too large to drain or fill, or where it was impossible to navigate with boats equipped for spraying oil.

Takes Children With Her to Prison Colony

Lisbon.—Albina Coelho, known as the "Pelo" of Vila, was among the last group of criminals sent to the Portuguese colony of Londa. She was accompanied voluntarily by her six children.

The "Pelo" has to serve a sentence of 22 years for the murder of the civil magistrate of Paredes, whom she killed with a razor.

Albina Coelho once lived a life of ease, managing the affairs of her household. Now she has aged considerably as a result of her crime and imprisonment. When the time for her removal to Africa approached, the children—whose ages range from fifteen to twenty-five years—decided that they did not want to stand the separation.

Their decision created a sympathetic reaction in many circles and even the archbishop of Evora gave Albina a letter of recommendation to the archbishop of Londa.

Chaplains to Be Put on U. S. Army Transports

Washington.—A plan to station chaplains on army transports as well as at posts and camps has been approved by the War department. It was revealed recently in the annual report of Col. Julian E. Yates, chief of army chaplains.

Two chaplains already have been assigned to duty on army transports plying between New York and San Francisco. Inasmuch as five ships are used on this route "the system is not perfect," the report said, but more chaplains cannot be assigned to sea service until their authorized strength is increased.

Yates report said there were now 120 chaplains assigned to the regular army, 200 to the National Guard and 1,120 to the Reserve corps. All are of commissioned rank.

Couple at Dinner When Bird Flies In

Chehalis, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Donahue had a dinner visitor, but it didn't stay to become the principal dish.

A China pheasant flew into the dining room through a closed window, looked around and flew out another.

Both windows were broken, but the pheasant was not hurt.

People who use the advertising columns of the Sherman County Observer invariably say that they get the very best of results.

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SHARKS DEVOUR GUIDE WHEN HE SWIMS FOR AID

Hunters Tell of Thrilling Experiences in Spanish Honduras.

New York.—A tale of a hunting expedition into the interior of Spanish Honduras was narrated recently by Maj. Nicholas Biddle, retired, and Dr. Ward Brinton, both of Philadelphia, when they returned to the United States. An Indian guide was devoured by sharks while he was swimming for aid when their dugout capsized and was drifting seaward. Meanwhile they clung to the frail craft as sharks snapped at their heels.

They brought back numerous specimens which they will present to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, including a 1/2-inch ant which has caused Major Biddle considerable annoyance; a bottle of whisky containing several small nonpoisonous snakes and lizards; a 250-pound Indian urn believed to be eight hundred years old, and the skull of a white lip wild pig.

By Dugout and Muleback. The huntsmen spoke sadly of losing their gear, including four rifles, two shotguns and six revolvers, when their 30-foot craft was swamped by break-

ers at the mouth of the Black river in Honduras. This occurred on September 18. Previously they had proceeded from Castilia by dugout and mule. They had shot wild turkeys and white lip pigs to their hearts content.

When the accident occurred they were headed for the Brewer lagoon in search of jaguar and alligator. Despite the prevalence of such pests as bottle flies, bed bugs and giant ants, they were determined to bag bigger game than white lip pigs. Although this species of pork travels in packs and is dangerous when cornered, they sought the beautiful jaguar, common to the jungles of Spanish Honduras.

With motion picture cameras and aided by an Indian guide, a Norwegian mechanic, and an Irish huntman, they set forth for the bar where the Black river swept to the sea.

Guide Killed by Sharks. On a heavy swell their boat capsized and because of the outboard motor they were at first unable to right the craft. After several hours' struggle, during which they lashed the water with their legs to keep off the sharks, Cacho, their Indian guide, seized a rubberized bag containing gear and announced that with its floating quality and his own swimming ability he would swim for aid. He was devoured by sharks which followed him from their craft. Later they loosed the outboard motor, the Norwegian mechanic diving beneath the dugout and uncrewing the bolts.

With the loss of their guns and all equipment except Major Biddle's 30-pound motion picture camera, the hunt was abandoned.

They planned to bring back a 2 1/2-foot boar, but it was placed in a bur-lap bag with a snake which devoured it.

Boy Lures Cops Away and Then Robs Station

Columbus, Ohio.—When Thomas Rush, twelve, decided he wanted a few trinkets that were lying carelessly around the Glenwood avenue precinct station, he hit upon a novel plan of removing molesting "coppers" from the premises.

Rushing into the station house, Rush breathlessly informed the desk sergeant that a car was after a short distance down the street. The station was soon emptied of its official tenants and Rush, in sole command, prodded through desks in search of whatever struck his fancy.

Two patrolmen, however, chose to select the moment for reporting on duty and caught the boy with his hands full of flashlights. He not only confessed to the theft but also to setting fire to the machine.

Shoots Up His Piano

Donald, Ore.—Try this on your piano. Henry Goode, Jr., examined a shotgun. It discharged. A corner of his piano was blown to bits.

Mrs. Susan Arnold of Leaverve, England, lost her shoe in the mud on the main street and is suing the village board.

Miss Ellen Curtis of Oxford, England, was awarded a medal for saving a dog and three puppies at the risk of her own life.

Advertising is the oil that lubricates the machinery of business.

DOG HAS PSYCHIC POWER, OWNER SAYS

Conveys Messages to Master by Telepathy.

London.—Meet Nell, said by her owner, Prof. T. J. Littlejohn of Exeter, to be the only telepathic greyhound in England.

At the invitation of Dr. H. Mansfield Robinson, who plans to try the dog's telepathic powers on Oamaru when he makes his next attempt to communicate with Mars, a reporter was introduced to Nell.

Trained by Master. Nell, an affectionate animal, looking like any other thoroughbred greyhound, was "trained" in the "art of telepathy" by her master, who, to back up his contention that his dog has "psychic power," signed a statutory declaration in the presence of a London solicitor. In it he does "solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

"1. My greyhound Nell has the ability to convey mental messages to me by telepathy, of which power I have given you the following examples out of very many others that have occurred."

Several examples are then given, including the following three:

1. "In August, 1928, when the said dog was at Exeter and I was at Falmouth, she conveyed to me a message that she had been locked up in a coal house and had gone without her tea, as to the truth of which I have provided signed statements of four witnesses."

2. "On returning from Ilfracombe to Exeter on April 22, 1930, I was met by Nell and got from her a telepathic message formed of the words 'kitten, kitten, kitten.' On my cat had just given birth to kittens in Nell's basket and she was the first to convey this intelligence to me."

3. "I witnessed on July 5, 1930, at 3:30 p. m., in London, the perception of a mental message from Nell by Dr. Mansfield Robinson that she wanted water. He said he got this message, fetched the water, which Nell drank greedily and then went to the doctor and rubbed her head affectionately against his knees to express her gratitude, and then conveyed to me a message that the doctor wanted to go upstairs, which, he admitted, was correct."

Nickel Charity Has Flourished 50 Years

New Orleans.—One of the oldest and most unique charities in the country has been flourishing in New Orleans 50 years. It is one of "Step up and get your nickel, lady," every Saturday at 9 a. m. in front of Simon Gumble & Co., cotton firm on Gravier street.

A crowd of 100 or more old women, black and white, gathers before the office of the company, knowing that at 9 a. m. a young woman secretary will come out of the door with a bag of nickels and give one to each of the gathering.

This philanthropy, begun 50 years ago by Simon Gumble, founder of the firm, is carried on today, after three generations, by his grandsons, Lester and Joseph Gumble. Since the charity was first started approximately \$10,400 in nickels has been distributed.

The same faces are seen there year in and year out. Some resent the presence of newcomers. "It ain't like it used to be," said one old lady. "These new ones that come in push and grab."

"Yas, sah," said an old negro woman, who has been getting her Saturday nickel for years. "De nickel sho hepp out. I buy my 'baccy wid it. Gwaed bless de man dat gibs dat nickel sho."

The custom will be carried out as long as the firm exists, the Gumbles say.

Musician Quits Job to Become Expert Aviator

East St. Louis, Ill.—Two years ago George Gruen supplied tunes from his seat in an orchestra pit, where he played a flute. Today he sits in the cockpit of an airplane and listens to music of the wild as he pilots his airplane.

Gruen tired of a musician's life and entered a flying school here. Within two years he had become a licensed aviator and is now chief flying instructor at the school.

Gruen says his greatest thrill was his first solo flight.

"I took off," he said, "and quickly found myself 300 feet in the air. I looked back and realized my instructor was not with me."

"I was up there in the air all by myself, but the realization of that fact gave me a thrill I will never forget," he says he was "lucky" and made a perfect landing.

Paris Scene of Battle for Wealthy Tourists

The Place de l'Opera, the hub of Paris, has been turned into a battlefield on which Germany and Italy are fighting France for tourists.

Germany recently advanced her front-line trenches when she secured a valuable corner on the famous square and opened a glittering "Come to Germany" tourist office.

TO REBUILD FRENCH QUEEN'S TOY TOWN

Marie Antoinette's Plans
Are Disccovered.

Paris.—Plans made to be sent to Austria by Marie Antoinette to prove that she was falsely accused of extravagance in building her hamlet of doll houses at Versailles have been found and are to be used in restoring the hamlet to its original condition.

A favorite resort of tourists and students of history has been this fragile, imitation village of peasant houses in which the queen, bored by the formality of courts, used to play at life on the farm. But in recent years its houses, built only to serve as playthings, have been falling into ruin. And had it not been for the Rockefeller repair fund the ruin would probably have become complete.

Hamlet in Sad Shape. Most of the interiors are bleak expanses of bare lath, corners black with cobwebs and floors rotting. The thatched roof of Marie Antoinette's own little cottage in the village has fallen in, and the hole is now covered with tarpaulin. Six months ago a tall poplar fell on the little imitation mill, crushing an angle of the roof and causing a whole wall to lean.

The entire hamlet just now looks as if a wreck as anything in the war zone in 1918.

Money available for its restoration raised a new problem. How did the hamlet look when it was first built in the eighteenth century? Nowhere in any of the archives could plans showing the color and texture of the original walls be found. It was known, moreover, that the restoration made some 40 years ago was mere guesswork and probably inaccurate.

In the library of the Duke of Ferrara in Mondone, Italy, lay a priceless "album" of original drawings of the hamlet made by Micket, the architect who built it. They were colored drawings. The queen had had the little book made to send back to her home in Austria to prove to her family that the hamlet was after all a simple little affair and not the kingdom-bankrupting folly which rumor had made it.

The book never got to Vienna. Marie Antoinette had to answer to the French revolution on the charge of reckless extravagance, and the click of the guillotine ended the argument about it.

Patrice Bonnet, chief architect of the Chateau de Versailles, has been to Italy to copy Micket's colored drawings. It is from these that the hamlet is to be reconstructed.

A Fake Antique. One of the discoveries made in the album is that the hamlet when new was a fake antique. It was built not to look like a new hamlet, but like an old weathered and softened by time.

"Built in the reign of Louis XVI, it looked as antique as if it had been there since the time of his great-grandfather."

The renewed hamlet will be exactly as Marie Antoinette saw it first, with a toy wooden mill wheel in the toy mill stream, and with some of the accretions of later years removed. Only it will be stronger, for hidden in the toy houses will be frames of reinforced concrete that will prevent any such general collapse as makes the hamlet a dilapidated ruin today.

Burmese Monarch's Name Has Sixty-Nine Letters

London.—Two men with curious names, who have appeared in the world press recently, have started a discussion on curious patronyms.

They are Gen. Jose Uriburu, the new president of Argentina, who has more U's in his name than most people, and U Ba Pe, of the Burma legislative council, an Indian member of the roundtable conference.

The discussion centers around the shortest English surname. It is declared that it is difficult to find one consisting of only two letters.

There is, of course, Dr. Simon Van der Aa, a witness at the recent state inquiry on capital punishment, while it is understood that the middle name of the present bishop of Yukon, Dr. Isaac O. Stringer, is simply O and nothing more.

Talking of U Ba Pe, the Burmese language seems to possess an unusual latitude in the matter of proper names. In contrast to U Ba Pe, there is the name of a Burmese monarch, which runs:

Sirithiravanadityapraparsapattasamdharmarajamahadhipatirajapatisithu. This is understood to be a commemorative name. No doubt his family call him "Sir" for short.

Ranchers Will Shield Herds During Winter

Sweetwater, Texas.—Out on the plains of west Texas, where the flares weed grows to swell the bank accounts of cattlemen, ranchers today were hopeful of shielding their herds from a bitter winter and recouping losses suffered during the severe drought of the summer.

Soaking rains have solved part of their feed problem, provided the weather man withhold the season's first frost long enough for the tender grass and young weeds to mature. Lower prices on cottonseed cake, which is now selling for between \$32 and \$35 a ton, have also relieved a situation that was acute.

Hebrew Mopey

The monetary system of the Hebrews was based upon the Babylonian system of weights. The ratio of the value of gold to silver was 1:13 1/3 and prevailed over all western Asia.

Gigantic Structure

Herodotus estimated that 100,000 men were engaged for 20 years in building the Great pyramid.

SHOOT 2 WHILE TRYING TO KILL SISTER'S SUITOR

Young South Dakota Man's
Aim Is Poor, Intended
Victim Unhurt.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—Voicing his objection to his sister's suitor by firing a 30-30 rifle twice into the automobile in which the young man and the girl were riding, resulted in Kenneth Shippey, young man of western South Dakota, wounding his sister and a woman friend and being arrested on the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill. Pending his trial in Circuit court his bond was fixed at \$2,500.

One of the bullets seriously wounded his sister, Miss Margaret Shippey, and the second struck Mrs. George Lammell, her woman friend, in the hips, inflicting a bad wound. The shots were intended for Jackie Bronnell, driver of the car in which Miss Shippey and Mrs. Lammell were riding.

Trail Victim's Auto. Kenneth Shippey had been riding in a car driven by his brother, Donald Shippey, with Alfred Johnson, a friend, as a companion. They had driven to points of interest north of the Black Hills and were on their way home when they espied the other car. Young Shippey evidently recognized his sister as one of the passengers in the other car and told his brother Donald to follow it.

The other car had driven through a gate, which had been closed behind it, when the car in which Kenneth Shippey was riding drove up. No one expected an outburst, but suddenly Ken-

neth Shippey jumped from the car and fired his rifle pointblank at the moving automobile containing his sister. The bullet struck just below the top of the car and apparently glanced, striking Margaret Shippey in the wrist.

Grappling for Gun. The first car then was driven to a set of farm buildings not far from the gate, and it was while the occupants were getting out of the machine that Kenneth Shippey fired again, this bullet striking Mrs. Lammell in the hip.

Donald Shippey and Johnson threw themselves upon Kenneth Shippey and after a struggle lasting some minutes succeeded in wresting the rifle from the apparently half crazed youth.

They then ministered to the injuries of Margaret Shippey and Mrs. Lammell to the best of their ability, after which they drove to Sturgis and turned Kenneth Shippey over to the authorities.

The two wounded women were taken in the other car to a hospital at Sturgis. The strange thing about the effort of Kenneth Shippey to kill Jackie Bronnell is that he and Bronnell had been friends up to a short time before the shooting. But the fact that his sister had been keeping company with Bronnell evidently had the effect of driving him to the frenzy which resulted in the shooting.

It is considered little less than a miracle that no one was killed by the two heavy bullets which he fired into the Bronnell car.

Farmer Is Buried Sitting in Chair, as Will Directs

Alessandria, Italy.—A local farmer left a will directing that he should be buried in his old chair in which he proposed to die. The testator's wishes were observed and he was buried in a sitting posture in his arm chair, which was enclosed in a specially made coffin of wood and zinc.

Thieves Lug Bug Safe

Birmingham, Ala.—The persons who removed a 300-pound safe from an ice company's office probably will be more certain of better results before trying such a stunt again. The safe was found in a woods outside the city two weeks later, badly battered but still protecting \$50 cash therein.

You Worry About It

London.—An art critic who was congratulated for coining the word "nudique" for "nude explained" said "Nudique Veritas" was a misprint for "Nudaque Veritas."

Convicted of Stealing Four Chickens, Tom Gray of Nottingham, Eng- land, was sentenced to leave town for 10 years.

Four firemen with a pulmotor started a newly born Chicago boy baby to breathing, when his lungs failed to act naturally.

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Finland Wants 3.1 Beer

Helsingfors, Finland.—President Lauri Relander confirmed the government's proposal to parliament to increase the alcoholic percentage in beer to 3.1 per cent.

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RAILROAD HEADS TO PROVIDE MUCH WORK

Agree to Continue Progressive
Improvement Plan.

New York.—In spite of present business conditions, the National Association of Railroad Executives, representing 90 per cent of the railroad mileage of the country, unanimously went on record as favoring adherence to a progressive policy and the employment of men during the coming winter. This action was taken at an executive session held here, R. H. Ashton, chairman of the executive committee, presided.

The employment of the greatest possible number of men, it was announced, will be in accordance with an adopted policy to maintain railroad properties to a standard necessary to handle all traffic efficiently and to continue improvements to both lines and equipment.

This action, it is believed, should assure employment for thousands of men, while the policy of improvement should do much to allay fear and hesitancy in a time of depression.

Announcement of the policy was in a statement to the press, as follows: "The Association of Railway Executives at their regular annual meeting held gave their careful consideration to prevailing conditions, and in particular to the unemployment situation."

"Upon request of the President of the United States, in the latter part of 1929, the railroads undertook an extensive program of construction and building of equipment in order to offset the threat of a substantial suspension of business activities, and they have practically carried out this program."

"In view of the continued depression